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Private—*cont.*

3 Vidyodaya Girls' High School, T. Nagar.
4 Government School for the Blind, Poonamallee.

The Vidyodaya Girls' High School has since been retransferred to private management.''

Construction of a bridge across the Coleroon in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 194 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the materials like iron and cement, etc., got for the construction of a bridge across the Coleroon in Tiruchirappalli district in Vilangudi-Tirumanur road at Thirumanur were removed recently and sent to another district; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for such diversion of materials; and when the bridge work is proposed to be taken up?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Only steel was purchased for this bridge work. It was diverted to other bridge works in neighbouring districts, as the proposal to construct a bridge at Tirumanoor had been deferred.

In view of the present financial stringency, it is not possible to say when the work will be taken up.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" உடையார்பாளையம் பெரம்பலூர் தாலூக்காக்களுக்கு தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவிலிருந்து போக்குவரத்து வசதி கிடைக்கும்படியான முறையில் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டு பின் ஏன் கை விடப்பட்டது. அந்தப் பாலம் பிற்பட்ட பகுதியான தாலூகாவிற்கு உபயோகப்படும்படியான காரணத்தினால் அதை மறுபடியும் ஆரம்பிக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The question started with that object only as early as 1940. But subsequently it was not possible to proceed with the work. There was a proposal to construct a cause-way and later on it was decided to change it to a bridge; but subsequently the Chief Engineer has remarked that there are already three bridges between Tiruchirappalli and Tanjore at three points, viz., Srirangam, Lower Anicut and Anakkaran Chatram and as such this construction was not considered to be of immediate necessity and therefore it has been deferred.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" பாலம் கட்டாது ' காஸ்வேஸ் ' (cause-way) யாவது குறைந்த செலவில் கட்ட அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is a very uneconomic undertaking—in fact, the construction of a bridge itself would be taken up as soon as funds are available.''

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over.''